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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. The weather has been beautiful this week and it is difficult to believe we are heading into autumn. This week in our video link Collective Worship, pupils explored the signs of autumn amongst God's creation. We also revisited one of our related Take 5 strategies for wellbeing – **Take Notice**. This is where we spend time focusing on our body's senses – for example noticing the details on apple skins or observing the changes in the leaves over time. This week, we have also been delighted to continue to work with children in school on their new topics and curriculum areas.

As you may remember, teachers redesigned the curriculum last year. We designed a specific curriculum tailored to our school, that links to our vision and ties our topics together. This means that all children in the school are currently focusing on a topic that links to 'identity' (see below).

The Shelford Curriculum: **Topic** Threads and Neurons

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Identity</b>	<b>Our Story So Far</b>	<b>Our Environment: Local and Global</b>	<b>Community – Empathy</b>	<b>Growth and Changes</b>	<b>Curiosity</b>

If you'd like to read more about the process we underwent to design the Shelford Curriculum, you can do so [here](#). If you'd like to learn a little more about the curriculum as a whole (including how each thread links to our vision) you can find information [here](#).

One interesting entry point to a topic this week was for our Y2 pupils. We scheduled our fire drill to tie into the launch of their Great Fire of London topic. I know that there are some further **creative** and engaging opportunities for all pupils coming up including drama, interviews, role-play and visitors into school.

As we have returned, we are inevitably seeing a variety of typical cold symptoms. Please see [this helpful summary](#) from the Local Authority that reminds us which are the specific COVID-related symptoms. There is also a summary of the actions you would need to take if someone in your household presents with specific symptoms. We are aiming to be as supportive as possible if you do find yourself in this situation – so please do keep in touch if you have any queries.

In line with our vision of being a **community of life-long learners**, Miss Nairac will be commencing her Master of Education this year. This means we will welcome Mrs. Stewart to the teaching team for Y4 for one day per week. In addition to this, Mr. Paduano is unfortunately unwell. Mrs. Stewart will also be teaching for one day in Y5 until Mr. Paduano's return. I am sure you will join us in holding Mr. Paduano in our thoughts and prayers as well as welcoming Mrs. Stewart to the team.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey, Headteacher

**Take notice...**

Be curious. Notice the changing seasons. Be aware of the world around you. Savour the moment. Enjoy the here and now.

*"I noticed how beautiful the daffodils looked in our village as I drove home from work the other day. Someone has really made an effort to make our village look pretty."*

5 Ways to Wellbeing

*Help someone who is crying.*

*We can be kind to others by respecting their rights.*

*By respecting, forgiving and encouraging.*  
Year 3

*We can use kind words and remember please and thank you.*

*Donate money to those in need.*

*Smile at everyone you see.*

*Suggestions from Y1-Y6 to colour our world with kindness, inspired by this video. (Collective Worship 7/9/20)*



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### Announcements

#### Meet the Teacher

We are preparing materials and presentations to share with you for each class, alongside the usual whole-school presentation. These will be published by 25<sup>th</sup> September on the school website and we will email to notify you of this. You will be able to view the materials at a time that suits you. Following this, please email any class-specific queries to teachers through the class email addresses. Teachers will gather questions and send out a summary of questions and answers.

#### Menu for next week (w/c 21.09.20)

- Monday – Pizza
- Tuesday – Hotdogs
- Wednesday – Roast Turkey
- Thursday – Macaroni cheese
- Friday – Fish Fingers

#### PTA

##### **New appointments needed for Shelford PTA**

Do you fancy getting a bit more involved? Do you want to help fundraise for additional resources and activities for the school? The Shelford School PTA will need a new Chair and Secretary when Sarah and I step down at the October AGM.

Being on the PTA committee is a lot of fun, very rewarding and for a fantastic cause! If you're interested in finding out more about joining the PTA, or think you could be the person for the Chair or Secretary jobs please see [here](#) and contact Hannah Mohamad or Sarah Hallebro via Classlist for any further info. You will be well supported by the members of the PTA, including no less than three former Chairs and two former Secretaries!

This year's fundraising is likely to have an 'online' focus but the school still needs all the support we can give so the more the merrier! Details of the PTA's October AGM will be posted on Classlist soon.

#### PTA Fundraisers

With Coronavirus restrictions still in place and the ongoing uncertainty about what sort of fundraising events and activity we will be able to deliver this year, the PTA will continue to focus on online fundraising for now. The idea is to focus specifically on the key things that the school needs additional funds for - namely LAPTOPS and BOOKS. Without your generosity it just isn't possible for the PTA to support the school with buying these items.

So many of you have already been so generous in donating to the laptop fundraiser and buying books from the Amazon wishlist, with books and donations coming in throughout the summer holidays. If you haven't already donated please do consider chipping in - the school urgently needs new laptops and new books for the classrooms and the library. You can donate to the laptop fundraiser here - every little really helps and we're now over halfway to raising what we need. [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shelford-pta-laptops?utm\\_term=VQ5DZp7PJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shelford-pta-laptops?utm_term=VQ5DZp7PJ) And you can buy books direct from Amazon (or elsewhere if you prefer) and have them shipped straight to the school - the school's wishlist is here - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/l/2WSDF7L9G47UW?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/l/2WSDF7L9G47UW?ref=wl_share) Thank you!





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**Sawston Fun Run**

**SAWSTON FUN RUN & WALK CHALLENGE EVENT**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

In aid of Sawston Village College Minibus Appeal, Cambridge Aid, Sawston Sports Centre hoist and other local charities and organisations

**INFORMATION:** [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) Follow us on facebook

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